

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2543

Introduced by Assembly Member Gordon

February 19, 2016

An act to amend Sections 15814.22 and 15814.28 of the Government Code, relating to state buildings.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2543, as introduced, Gordon. State buildings: efficiency.

Existing law requires the Department of General Services, in consultation with other state entities that include the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, to develop a plan to exploit cost-effective energy efficiency measures in state facilities. Existing law requires the department to update the plan biennially, coordinate implementation efforts, and make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature to achieve energy goals for state facilities. Existing law requires the department to make these recommendations no later than March 1, 2009, and biennially thereafter. Existing law also requires the department to report on projects under its jurisdiction, as specified.

This bill would instead require the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, in consultation with the department, to develop a plan to exploit cost-effective energy efficiency and water conservation measures in state facilities. This bill would require the department, in consultation with the commission, to submit recommendations on energy efficiency and water conservation goals to the Governor and the Legislature. This bill would require the department, in consultation with the commission, to make these recommendations no later than January 1, 2018.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. (a) In enacting this act, the Legislature recognizes
2 the following:
3 (1) The significant energy savings and greenhouse gas emission
4 reductions inherent in the state's existing state-owned building
5 stock.
6 (2) It is the policy of the state to promote conservation and
7 efficient use of water.
8 (3) The need to establish a comprehensive energy efficiency
9 program to capture these reductions.
10 (b) The Legislature further recognizes that state government
11 should lead by example and demonstrate to the public the cost and
12 environmental benefits of implementing energy efficient
13 technology into daily life.
14 SEC. 2. Section 15814.22 of the Government Code is amended
15 to read:
16 15814.22. (a) ~~The Department of General Services, State~~
17 ~~Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission,~~
18 ~~in consultation with the State Energy Resources Conservation and~~
19 ~~Development Commission~~ *Department of General Services* and
20 other state agencies and departments, shall develop a multiyear
21 plan, to be updated biennially, with the goal of exploiting all
22 practicable and cost-effective energy efficiency *and water*
23 *conservation* measures in state facilities. *The commission shall*
24 *solicit input from both public and private entities.* The department
25 shall coordinate plan implementation efforts, and make
26 recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature to achieve
27 energy efficiency *and water conservation* goals for state facilities.
28 (b) *The plan shall not prohibit, limit, or supersede more*
29 *stringent green building requirements for state facilities.*
30 (c) *For the purposes of this section, "state facility" means any*
31 *public building, as defined in Section 15802, but does not include*
32 *any building leased by the state, unless that building is financed*
33 *through the issuance of lease-revenue bonds.*
34 SEC. 3. Section 15814.28 of the Government Code is amended
35 to read:

1 15814.28. ~~The department~~ *Department of General Services,*
2 *in consultation with the State Energy Resources Conservation and*
3 *Development Commission,* shall, no later than ~~March~~ *January* 1,
4 ~~2009,~~ *2018,* and biennially thereafter, make the recommendations
5 required in Section 15814.22, and report on all of the following
6 for projects under its jurisdiction:

7 (a) The progress made toward implementing energy efficiency
8 measures in state facilities.

9 (b) The most common energy efficiency measures being
10 implemented.

11 (c) The obstacles preventing further implementation of energy
12 efficiency measures.

13 (d) How current efforts and ideas can be incorporated into the
14 Governor's five-year infrastructure plan described in Section
15 13102.